

REMARKS

Claim Rejected Under 35 USC §112

Claims 3, 4, 18-19 are now in the case. Claims 3, 4, 18-19 are allowed. Claim 20 has been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any subject matter removed or modified by this amendment in a related divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application.

Claim 20 remains rejected, and is newly rejected, under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the invention was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

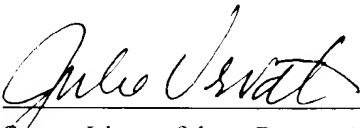
The Applicants respectfully traverse this ground for rejection. However, merely to expedite prosecution on certain embodiments of the invention, claim 20 has been cancelled. Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments and comments obviate and overcome the rejection and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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